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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV, CASC, NI
SUBJECT: AIG CASE: LEFEVRE PASSPORT

REF: STATE 61879

1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO EMBASSY NOTE NO. 108 TO MEA DATED FEBRUARY 22, EMBOFF MET WITH MEA CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR FABUNMI ON MARCH 2. FABUNMI HAD REFERRED NOTE TO HIS "SUPERIORS." HE EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE EMBASSY'S NOTE SAYING THAT MEA HAD ASKED FOR EMBASSY COOPERATION BUT HAD BEEN TOLD IN EFFECT THAT "THE EMBASSY WOULD ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEFEBRE'S PASSPORT." IN COURSE OF HIS REPLY EMBOFF SAID THAT EMBASSY WAS BOUND BY U.S. LAW TO PROVIDE LEFEVRE WITH NEW PASSPORT IF SO REQUESTED. FYI: EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER STRESSED SAME POINT WITH FABUNMI IN SEPARATE MEETING. END FYI. FABUNMI APPEARED UNHAPPY WITH THIS NEWS BUT DID NOT COMMENT. FYI: MEMO ON MEETING SENT TO AF/W. END FYI.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON MARCH 7 MEA NOTE 493/78 DATED MARCH 6. SUBSTANTIVE PART OF NOTE FOLLOWS. QUOTE: ...AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 108 OF FEBRUARY 22, 1978, AND TO INFORM THAT THE REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF MR. LEFEVRE'S PASSPORT TO THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE NIGERIAN AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE. NO OTHER NEWS ON POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST LEFEVRE.
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3. EMBOFF DISCUSSED CASE WITH LEFEVRE ON MARCH 10. LEFEVRE HAD LITTLE TO SAY EXCEPT (THAT HIS REPLACEMENT (DICK RICHARDS) WAS DUE TO ARRIVE THAT NIGHT.

4. EMBASSY WILL SEND SECOND NOTE URGING SPEEDY RETURN OF PASSPORT. WILL INCLUDE STATEMENT THAT EMBASSY MUST ISSUE NEW PASSPORT TO

LEFEVRE IF REQUESTED BY HIM.
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